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ABSTRACT

In the eight chapters of this volume the former dean of the College of Humanities at the University of Arizona explores the present state of higher education and offers a view of the future. The book considers the reasons for the financial crisis in higher education today and identifies challenges that remain ignored, including rising birthrates, changing demographics both on campus and across the country, the accelerating globalization of higher education and advanced research, and the necessity for greater interdisciplinarity in undergraduate education. The professoriate is seen as having allowed itself to become vulnerable to public misperceptions and lampooning by the media. The book also defends the institution of tenure and outlines procedures to ensure its effective implementation. Also proposed is a structure for an "antifeminist intellectual harassment policy" and a revitalized conversation about public education through partnerships of union leaders, campus communities, policy makers, and the general public. Appended are a statement of promotion and tenure procedures at the University of Arizona College of Humanities and a checklist of family-sensitive policies universities can offer their staffs, faculty, and administrators. (DB)

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